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Mr. Kelly C. Wright Environmental Waste Management Program Manager Shoshone Bannock Tribes P.O. Box 306, Pima Drive Fort Hall, Idaho 83203

Re:

Compliance with Terms and Conditions of Cooperative Agreements V00J82901 and V00J82701; Eastern Michaud Flats Superfund Site Support - Simplot Operable Unit and Off-Plant Operable Unit

Dear Mr. Wright:

On March 19, 2014 the US Environmental Protection Agency awarded a Cooperative Agreement in the amount of \$20,552 to the Shoshone Bannock Tribes (Tribes), Environmental Waste Management Program, for activities in support of CERCLA Remedial Actions at the Simplot Operable Unit (OU) of the Eastern Michaud Flats (EMF) Superfund Site. On February 7, 2014 the EPA awarded a Cooperative Agreement in the amount of \$7,949 to the Tribes' Environmental Waste Management Program, for activities in support of CERCLA Remedial Actions at the Off-Plant OU of the EMF Superfund Site. Per the Tribes' request, pre-award funds were authorized and a project period of January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014 was established for both agreements. Work under the agreements is to be completed in accordance with the approved work plan and the Terms and Conditions included in the Cooperative Agreement.

Task 4 of the Work Plan for both agreements stipulates that quarterly reports will be submitted no later than 30 days after the end of each of the respective quarters. The Programmatic Conditions of the Agreement specify that the quarters end the last day of March, June, September and December. A quarterly report addressing activities under both agreements should have been submitted no later than April 30, 2014. No such reports have been received. Required contents of the report are identified in the Work Plan and in the Programmatic Conditions of the Agreement. Such reports are required even if no activity occurred under the Agreement.

The Agreement also requires timely submission of reimbursement requests for all expenditures incurred under the Agreement. In the past, these requests have been submitted on a monthly basis. To date, only one request appears to have been submitted. The request, submitted under the Simplot Agreement, was recorded on March 20, 2014 for the amount of \$1,181.50.

The above actions are inconsistent with the terms and conditions specified in the Cooperative Agreement. The EPA requests immediate submittal of the required first quarter reports. In addition, the Tribes should take action appropriate to ensure reimbursement requests are submitted in a timely manner. Separate reports covering work performed during the second quarter should be submitted by

July 31, 2014. The reports must contain all of the information required by the work plans and the Terms and Conditions of the Agreement.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at 206-553-2724.

Sincerely,

Jannine Jennings

Remedial Project Manager Remedial Cleanup Program